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"Just This"-and Nothing More

"At last!" must have been in the mind if not on the lips of every expectant hearer when President Witson, at the Sorbonne on Saturday, pronounced the following words as the opening phrase of a new paragraph in his eloquent address accepting the degree worthly conferred upon him by the University of Paris:

"My conception of a League of Na tions is just this-"

There is nothing more ardently desired at this time by the Government and the people of the United States, and by the Governments and peoples of other nations associated with us in the business of concluding peace than an exact definition of President Wilson's conception of a League of Nations. He has told us over and will do for the future peace of the factor in the business of concluding peace. He has established it as the aviation service. plyot, the kingpin, of his Fourteen Points. But he has never told the Congress, or told the Senate, his partthe Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations, or told the American people in whose name he is continually speaking to Europe, or, so far as is known, told any living creature here or abroad fust what that conception plomacy and policy his League of Nadescent dream rather than a concrete product of statesmanship,

Therefore it must have seemed that the time for definite exposition had come at last when President Wilson began a new paragraph by saying:

"My conception of a League of Nations is just this-

The long dash printed above is part of the official report of the President's speech. It separated the promise from the fulfilment. It introduced or and much desired explanation of just what his conception of a League of came this dash of cold water on the expectations legitimately aroused by war, including the exploits of the the preamble of promise:

"just this -- that it shall operate as the organized moral force of men through- 508 men, including the 33,000 in the out the world, and that whenever or service of supply. Of these more wherever wrong and aggression are than 6,000 men had been graduated as planned or contemplated, this searching pilots and 1.160 of these were pursuit light of conscience will be turned upon pilots-the men who climb the skies them and men everywhere will ask; and skip from cloud to cloud. For What are the purposes that you hold in pursuit, observation and bombing the your heart against the fortunes of the air service had about 7,000 planes.

Thus the promise of exact definition of that which President Wilson is proposing in the name of the Government and people of the United Sorbonne, as always before, into the made a glorious Garrison finish., nebulous vapor of vague and somewhat sentimental generalities. Instend of telling the peoples just what to do for the world.

due respect for the Presidential office, tro-Hungarian monarchy. The Cabithat this is unsatisfying?

Better Broadway.

terioration of some of its most im- plan, become members of the Cabinet. portant sections. It helps little to This arrangement is apparently say that Broadway has gone to pieces satisfactory to Serbia, which has aconly in spots. A chain with a few cepted it most likely in the belief that rotten links is not much of a chain the plans of the Jugo-Slav State will until those links are replaced. The more readily meet the approval of the fact that Broadway below Union Paris conference. A confederation of Square is alive and humming, that Slav States without giving any one of tions boom with business and that in the Balkans is practical. Besides can pass without some one realizing to the visitor.

ways that ought to bring back some strong a centre of Serb influence as of the lost vitality to stretches like Belgrade, and have resented the domthose of the Twenties have been the juntion of the Serbian kingdom. causes of making the street dirty sametimes almost impassable, for would be a severe blow to the South-

plng public took naturally to Fifth withdrawal from all participation and Madison avenues, particularly after the Fifth avenue business men had won their battle against the inva- has given him an acquaintance with sion of the factories and after the Balkan and southern European polizoning system had put the growth of ties that is especially needed at the pute would fade into insignificance. Manhattan on a business basis. It is present time. He called the Corfu the lesson of Fifth avenue that the conference, where the scheme of a men of Broadway must heed. If they South Slav union was formulated. want a clean new Broadway they and he has worked continuously for will have to fight for it.

It will help, of course, to obtain an adequate lighting system and the Jugo-Slavia, and in that there is an assurance of the same conservatism paving of the blocks that have been torn and retorn by successive contractors. It may be that better suraffales. face car service is possible. What is even more important to the plan of the formation of the new Cabinet is regeneration is the enlistment of the the possibility of a thoroughly nasympathies of the property owners tional representative body at the all along Broadway. Too many of Paris conference. Some of the Ministhem are like the Fifth avenue own- ters were participants in the Rome ers who, until the Save New York and London conferences, where the movement was begun, saw no further question of territorial rights between shead than the rent check, not the Italians and Jugo-Slavs was defi realizing that they were encouraging nitely decided. The conflicting claims business of a character which was at that time were not considered irreconcilable, and it is now believed, not suited to the district and which would in time cause fatal deterioradespite the apparent clash of intertion of values.

Broadway was once the show window of America, or at least an im- compact. port part of the retail map that included Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue. It lost its handsome face in that region through the evils that later threatened Fifth avenue. The avenue, now secure against being spoiled, put on the glories of the shopping district. But there is glory enough to go around; that is proved by the Madison avenue movement. Broadway below Forty-second street can be itself again. Its future de pends to some extent upon the aid of State and city officials, but most of all upon the spirit of the men to whose interests the renaissance of the great

America's Good Finish in the Air.

street is of vital importance.

The report made by Major-General Harronn on the work of the American Air Service shows that our aid to the last four months of the war. Yankee fliers were early in the game, but and her people. The repayment of Yankee planes were a bit late. time the great German offensive be- demands. The honest payment of the the water rights any value gan, that an American filer in the debts owed to the Allies and their co- case of idle boarding pure and simple American service scored a kill, alover again what he hopes that league though a dozen heroic young Americans had distinguished themselves world. He has made it the chief long before that in the Lafayette Escadrille and other units of the French

Between that first kill in March and the first of July, according to the figures presented by LAURENCE L. ner in the making of treatles, or told Dauges in his "Heroes of Aviation." the total number of American victo- tributed to the bondbolders the funds ries was 167, and this total included the triumphs of LUFBERY, THAW, PUT- Bulgarian, Eastern Rumelian and Cy-NAM. BAYLIES and others who had flown under the tricolor. Now we learn from the Harbord report that is. For all practical purposes of di- the official American score up to Armistice Day was \$45 enemy planes tions has remained until now an iri-land 82 balloon's "brought down"; and it must be assumed that these were all victories achieved in the American service, and since February. Major-General Harrons announces that the destruction or capture of 491 of the 845 planes has been confirmed.

It is difficult to compare fairly the American record with the aviation res of other nations. Mr. Daiggs tells us that the total victories of the French aces up to the middle of the summer were 847; of the British, 1.629. Beside these the record of the purported to introduce the delayed American Expeditionary Force's air service looks formidable and probably it will remain respectable even after Nations is. And after the long dash the Allies announce their complete figures for the whole period of the

fliers who were not aces. Our air army was made up of 57, The Harbord report does not specify the origin of these, using the phrase "received from all sources." We shall hear later about the exploits of particular machines; for the present it i States was dissipated again at the a satisfaction to know that our fliers

Serbia and Jugo-Stavia.

The composition of the Jugo-Slav his conception of a League of Na- Cabinet is undoubtedly an indication tions is, he gave them nothing more that the founders and organizers of than an apocalyptic vision of what he the new nation aim at a South Slav hoped his unrevealed conception was confederation and not at an extension of the realm of Serbia over the Do we go too far when we say, with | Slavic territory of the former Ausnet, in the first place, is made up of representatives of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes; and in the second The decision of the Broadway As- place, M. Pashirch, who favored the sociation to cure the ills of our big- formation of an enlarged Serbian gest street is welcome to every one kingdom, retires from the Premiership who has known its former attractive- and M. PROTICE and Dr. TRUMBITCH. ness and watched with dismay the de- who opposed Premier Pashirten's

the Greeley and Herald squares sectithem a great preponderance of power the Boulevard blocks are a pleasant this, the extension of the rule of the avenue does not hide the fact that Serbs over the Croats and the Slothere are parts of Broadway which venes would have a tendency to keep no New Yorker points out with pride alive the strife that is centuries old knitted in the last four years were between the two branches of the Serb Broadway has suffered even from people. The Croats have, moreover, presumed benefits. The very sub- considered Agram, their capital, as

If Captain ROBERT A. BARTLETT goes The retirement of Premier Pashirch VILHIALMUR STEFANSSON makes the trip to the same destination in a submar urs. Small wonder that the shop- ern Siav interests if it meant his ine, as they now purpose to do, we

board to decide their claims of arrival at the pole. In comparison with, a controversy between a man in the clouds and a man under the surface of the water, the Peary-Cook dis-

in the upbuilding of the new nation.

His long service as Serbian Premier

its advancement. He will remain, it

that he has always shown in Serbian

Turkey in Bankrupter.

France held 62 per cent, and Ger-

ruptcy" to free itself from its finan-

belligerents by the conquered Quad-

ruple Alliance will be a subject for

consideration at the Peace, Confer-

Turkey's finances have always been

fearfully and wonderfully managed,

and in 1881 an arrangement with her

creditors was made under the terms

of which a Council of Administration

at Constantinople received and dis-

derived from excise duties, from the

prus tribute, and from the tax on

the empire had no budget. Annually

Governor Smith at City Hall.

during his term at Albany, and he

added that he believed "it was upon

contract or an agreement under the

Executive Chamber in the Capitol at

Albany he will have at his disposal

a large and well equipped historical

library, and we urge him to look this

matter up and let us know if our

impression about the Governor's

The human race has not yet attained

the ideal state where a Christmas Eve

at the last moment that a gift has been

If all the socks that Sister Suele

hung up to-night Santa Claus would

This is the night of the freedom of

Room in the City Hall is correct.

of New York.

New York.

forgotten.

have to send for help.

the chimneys.

a room was set apart for him."

the Peace Conference.

cial burden.

Turkey had a public debt of 151,-

Naval officers will explain to their children that Santa cannot be seen because of low visibility.

Reports from Russia indicate that the socialization of industry has been practically impossible"?

a failure magnificent beyond the There is little doubt is stated, as one of the advisers of dreams of Imbecility.

In other words, according to Secre One of the distinctive gains through fair fight, we shall not sink them whe they can't shoot back.

The men who lamented the passthen got a touch of Arctic temperature rate weather we are now having

IDLE LAND IN NEW YORK. There Are Many Unproductive Acres

Within Easy Reach of the City. ests, that they may be settled upon To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: With regard to your editorial article "Is Not ulating her trade relations? the terms of the original London This Evil Curable?" you might be surprised to know how much idle farming gates to the Peace Conference have re-York.

Spending much of my spare time in 656,007 Turkish pounds worth \$4.40 the Statesman's Year Book. Of this request to cultivate the soil

many 29 per cent. Since the beginning of the war Turkey has received advances amounting to £T79,000,000 magazines. Not wishing to invite prothan eleven years after the close of

the war. Now Berlin reports that Here are thousands of acres of once Turkey contemplates "national bank-It is conceivable that the debt held by Turkey's own subjects might be which the stream runs, and where once sels and these merchant ships are worth repudiated, and Germany is in no position to enforce repayment of the money owing to her and her people. Allies increased with a rush in the But France will not acquiesce in the dations of collapsed farmhouses, even Peter is equally right for Paul, and it is

repudiation of the debt owed to her family burying grounds, this will be insisted upon, and France this instance there is no suspicion of nations with clean hands was not until last spring, about the is now in a position to enforce her profiteering in land values, nor have

NEW YORK, December 23.

AFTER PARIS, WHAT? May We Not Hope for a League of

the Stellar System? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Just celestial rides by hooking on behind. Persian tobacco. The net revenue available in 1913-14 for the debt ser- of "our exceedingly tiny planet home" £T4,536,605 in 1912-13. Until 1908 endes and enough Texas statesmen are

since then a budget and finance law George Washington is not provided beneath the surface of the waters. have been voted, but these have been with wings, a comet with a long and ets for special purposes, adjustments and fitted up with archives, typewriters, &c. Severything except Republiin the financial year, and other finan-£T9,661,530; for 1916-17 the deficit be taken over. was £T39,077,556, and for 1917-18 Creel would emblazon the heavens with empire, but the solution of such prob- throwing in our eyes, we should hope, lems as its financial obligations be- no more cosmic dust than was necesyoud its own borders is a task for sary for our own good.

Thenceforth there would be no mysteries in space for Mr. Holmes to worry about; such things as the "shythmic whiri of myrind universes" and "vi brant harmonies' would be reduced Governor-elect Swirt told the Alstatistics which all of us could under dermen in bidding goodby to them as stand. But it would be well to get it their presiding officer that he would passport before embarking on any more go to City Hall to transact official nightly pilgrimages. H. A. B. business whenever occasion requires

New York, December 23.

Burlesonism.

the theory that the Governor of the From the Lauleville Courier-Journal, State should sit in the City Hall that Not infrequently we hear from croak ers that we have in this country a menace of Bolshevism. But the real We think Governor Smith is right. menace which we are facing now is not and that the Governor's Room in City Bolshevism but Burlesonism. Hall is not so named merely out of

couriesy to the chief executive of the nalism, socialism, Prussianism of Gov-State, but because the State itself erament ownership and operation of provided that beautiful apartment for various lines of business now finding more forgotten how freedom of the seas (\$282,501,480 to \$332,451,320). the Governor's use when he visited ism is a good synonym for it because affair, and what happened to Mason and this town. Our impression is that the Mr. Burleson is the member of the State actually contributed to the cost present Washington Government who member that there are others also whose of building the City Hall, and that has been most persistent in urging it. there is in existence a statute or a

Savings Stamp Sules in the Burrard's Bay Lararetto.

terms of which this portion of the From the Martha's Vineyard Herald. City Hall is the property of the State A very remarkable showing in the pu chase of War Savings Stamps is made in the report from the Penikese Island post office, the leper colony. There are twelve If this is the case, Governor SMITH on his visits to the Governor's Room patients on the island and in addition seventeen people who patronize the post office. The exact figures show that up to will enter it, not as a welcome guest of New York city, though he will always be that, but as the representapatriots had purchased \$1,792.76 worth of tive and accredited agent of the prostamps, which is at a rating of nearly \$62 prietors, the People of the State of much as the Government has asked for the per capita of the country and speaks volumes for the loyalty and acumen of the When Mr. SMITH drops from his inhabitants of Penikese. title the suffix "elect" and enters the

this governmental movement, and before the often quoted case of the Springbok. against the idea. the end of the year the figures promise to

Black Rock correspondence Walnut Ridge Blade. Gad Angle has complained for several days of cold feet. Socks have been recommended.

An Arkansas Prescription.

The Christmas Mail.

On Christmas Eve no more we dream Of little clicking hoofs, And ting-a-ling of tiny bells Across the snowy roofs. On Christmas morn no more we wake And listen with a thrill The postman's whistle shrill.

But when the chimes begin to ring We seek a vantage high, And turn a bright and eager glance Toward the wintry sky A roar and racket in the air. The clouds asunder to their heate

Announce the Christmas mail.

MINNA JEVING.

hope they will take along a judicial THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS. subjects of the signatory Powers, with Further Remarks on a Vague Phrase,

> With Illustrations From History. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Is signatory Powers. not Mr. Charles E. Rushmore "straining colonies" might "form a trade league that would, through effective discriminating tariffs, imposts and shipping regulations, render competition on our part

States fosters her trade with her extraterritorial possessions; that the products of the Philippine Islands and Hatary of State Lansino, if we can't get wall, for instance, are imported into the use prior to the violation of the terria chance to sink German warships in United States on a different basis than like products from Australasia, Malay-sia, the Japanese archipelago or the Dutch Edst Indies. If this be the case, then the extraterritorial possessions of ng of the old fashioned Christmas and the United States, if they pay any tariff at all, pay a preferential tariff, which in 1918 are openly rejoicing at the is just and their due, and the other countries pay such tariffs as are regu lated by international treaty, such, perhaps, as may be guaranteed to them under a most favored nation clause. Therefore, what objection could the United States, or for that matter any other nation, offer to the exercise of the he believes as firmly in his future ex- bell buoys of the channel. same privilege by Great Britain in reg-Now we learn that "the American dele-

land there is within fifty miles of New solved to advocate the sinking of the miliar with life and death and the transport officer, Capt. Casey B. Morsist any proposition to distribute them the pursuit of brook trout and being on the basis of naval losses." Why? Is discussing the subject of the immorlimited to near by waters, I have fre- this to repay Great Britain for having tality of the soul. each in normal times in April, 1914, quently been amazed in my wanderings maintained the freedom of the seas by according to the figures compiled for at the disregard of the Government's holding them in bay for three and a half particular surgeon has thus satisfied which all incoming transports have ductor." It is signed "New York of I have in mind particularly one stream loss of life she has suffered and the other instance of a man's belief in imin Orange county of which I have fre-quently written for THE Sun's Rod and working for humanity? Her vigilance his satisfaction, as recorded by a fa-navy officers here and the commanders Gun Department and for the outdoor kept the greater part of the enemy ships within port, and she is unquestionably from Germany, repayable not more miscuous anglers. I have invariably re-entitled to a lion's share of the spoil. ferred to it as the valley of abandoned Suppose our delegates press their resolve, how are they going to answer Great Britain if she should say, "We fertile land, acquired gradually during will agree to your suggestion provided the last twenty years by a woman of that you also agree to sink all the enwealth, for what purpose no one knows. emy vessels that you have interned and She has purchased all the land through have taken over"? Both these war veswere prosperous farms is now but a something, and their value should be waste of brush grown pasturage and taken into account in the final adjustupland hillsides interspersed with neg- ment of the heavy indemnity that the as competent to speak as some surlected apple orchards, crumbling foun-enemy must pay. What is right for a poor rule that does not work both All this land could be restored to ways-always assuming that the parties agricultural uses. I may say that in concerned have entered the council of

As for the freedom of the seas, it may of he out of place to recall the fact that while the piratical Teston was sinking the shipping of the world without regard to the rights of neutrals of all sizes, while he was muntering in cold blood innocent women and children, defenceless seamen and wounded men, his superiors, fully realizing that they were violating the laws of nations as well as the laws of God, sought to divert the public mind from their dastardly as flying men "take the air." so Mr. deeds by clamoring for the freedom of Charles Nevers Holmes and others of the seas—that very freedom which they our correspondents are taking the other themselves have repeatedly violated. The these days (or nights) for ecstatic up- Hun has put the brand of Cain on his ward flights to infinity, and many of own brow, and the time has come for us, desperately enamored, try to steat one and all of us to see that he wears it-wears it, not for a day, a month or a Let us enjoy these excursions while year, but for so long as it shall take him we may, for by and by, when the affairs to repay, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, for all the lives that he has taken, all vice was £T5,382,472, compared with have been put in order at peace confer- the harm that he has indicted on humanity, and for all the destruction he at liberty for the purpose, the rest of has wrought over the face of the earth. the universe may be taken up. As the as well as for that which lies hidden

In regard to freedom of the seas supplemented by extraordinary budg- radiant tall might be commandeered war, Mr. Rushmore no doubt recalls how the United States treated the attempt made to define this by the Declaration cans), and off into space take its way of Paris in April, 1856. This declaration with a tremendous swish. The inter- sought to modify the rules of maritime another In 1915-16 Turkey had a deficit of stellar wireless systems would naturally law applicable in a state of war (1) by Then every night Mr. abolishing privateering; (2) by asserting that the flag of a neutral ship cover builetins reaching from Aldebaran to an enemy's goods unless contraband of £T27,430,396. Obviously, there will bulletins reaching from Sideball us here war; (3) by declaring neutral goods the Southern Cross, telling us here war; (3) by declaring neutral goods be difficulties to overcome in obtain below as much as we ought to know except contraband of war free, and (4) ing payment from the dismembered about what was going on up there and by insisting that a blockeds to be binding must be effectively enforced. In these days of "strict accountability" if should not be forgotten that it is in the light of the exploits of the Deutschand that the last of the above clauses is of utmost importance, for on these xploits the modern Pariah, if admitted the Peace Conference -which God for d-will claim that his ports were not effectively blockaded. The United States refused to agree to the first of the above lauses-the abollehment of privateering only to suffer severely later from the depredations of the Alabama, the Florida and the Shenandoah, British built ships

> armed and manned by the Confederate When the civil war broke out the Federal Government with commendable determination set out to establish the freedom of the seas, and did so by capuring no fewer than 1.118 neutral trad ing vessels, of which 355 were destroyed, and caused a total loss to British owners of at least \$50,000,000. Has Mr. Rushmany advocates among us. Burleson- was maintained in the famous Trent

exercised. But "autres temps, autres moeurs, and the world has moved since 1861-65, that now the effectiveness of a blockade must in each case be a question of fact—as stated in the decision of the tation of nuts and vegetables in the ne Supreme Court in the Olinde Rodriguez future. case, 174 U. S., p. 150-"to be determined by evidence and with regard to Comercio, Paraguay, the firm of Tarquist office. The exact figures show that up to the middle of November these twenty-nine 1861, the place of landing may be many establish in Asuncian a factory for mak miles distant from the ultimate destination of the goods, and the ostensible fibrous plants grown in the country, per capita. This is over three times as destination of a neutral port is no guarantee that the ultimate destination of a and half gallon paint cans will again cargo is not the country of a belligerent. This condition was felt during the civil and harf gallons did not meet with the war, and received the attention of the approve of a great many retailers. Se-Miss Parker, the postmaster, is to be war, and received the attention of the approach of a great many retailers. Secongratulated on the interest she takes in Supreme Court of the United States in eral of the manufacturers also were

She was a British ship on a voyage The estimated total production of perform London to Nassau, and was seized tates in the Dominion of Canada for 1818 by a United States cruiser and sent in is put at 105,579,700 bushels, as compared for adjudication on the ground that she with 79,882,000 for last year. Roots els was carrying contraband with the in- proved a record crop, with turnips leading tention of breaking the blockade and at 120,767,900 bushels. allowing the cargo to be transhipped at Nassau and sent thence into the Southern States. In this case the Superme Court held that the evidence showed the cargo was not intended for showed the cargo was not intended for Nassau, but was intended to be trans-shipped there and thence carried on to rebel ports in violation of the blockade. Therefore the voyage was, both in law shipper can be obtained from the Burea and according to the intentions of the of Foreign and Domestic Commerce or it parties, but one voyage-from London to district or cooperative offices by referring the blockaded ports-and the cargo was liable to seizure during any part of that

oyage (5 Wall, p. 1). Incidentally, let us not forget that it was the American delegates to The Hague conference of 1907 who presented the following amendment to one of the clauses that regulated maritime war-faret "The property of all citizens or man's diamond ring.

the exception of contraband of war, shall be exempt from capture and seizure on the sea by the armed vessels or by the military forces of any of the

The wisdom of the course adopted by at a gnat to swallow a camel" when those who rejected this amendment has he suggests that "Great Britain and her been fully justified by subsequent events during the war, as when the list of contraband goods was extended to cover almost everything that gave comfort as well as aid to the enemy. And mightily did neutral shippers clamor that the trade was being ruined because they There is little doubt that the United were no longer able to transfer to the SOUND DROWNS SIGNALS MAYOR ISSUES WARNING Central Powers materials for which they -the neutrals-had had practically little tories of Belgium and Luxemburg by the forces of the modern AttHa.

FRANK H. VIRETELLY. New York, December 23.

LIFE AFTER DEATH. The Authority of a Surgeon Witness Assailed.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; Not everybody will regard with such algnificance as THE SUN the announce ment of a distinguished physician that istence as he does in his present existence. Nor will many agree with THE SUN in its opinion that the life surrendered enemy warships and to re- transition from life to death" better gan, and the port captain, Capt. Godfits the surgeon than the layman in frey Carden, to appeal to Washington

years? Is it to compensate her for the himself we are not told. Is this anhe should still hold fast to his native cerned over the risk and peril that are faith in the face of all the arguments being demolished by some doubter? Perhaps the surgeon referred to by THE the bay to meet incoming transports. SUN has by some newly discovered means, electric, telepathic, microscopic, heretofore elusive and invisible link for ages sought by many doubters. Many will ask whence the superior

endowment of a surgeon in discussing

geons, confessed his inability to answer the question of a future life either way. Some investigators say that all physical Fiske, a believer in immortality, declared the just place in the world which he would go for information about a state of things in which absence of the cerebrum would be the Oliver Wendell cerebral physiology. medical man, asked the question, What and he is killed by a blow on the skull? thus intimating doubt on the question. It is possible that the unqualifiedly con-

organization. It is something new to suppose that the bedside of the dying is thereby the beyond the vital spark than one or iore laymen under like or unlike condithe words of another; "If we want to understand something about the subject o tell us that is new and little that is Whatever men may pretend. death is as easily understood by the eyes can pierce the darkness better than ISAAC MARKENS.

NEW York, December 23.

HOW TO HANG THE FLAG. Conflicting Opinions in a New Jersey Church.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. The orrespondence in your columns about decorative purposes has interested me. but has not yet touched on a point if dispute here. A contends that the flag, bung on t

orizontal line over the pulpit, should be n the right hand side of the church. speaker, the service flag, in this in stance, occupying the opposite end of

Who is correct? MENDHAM, N. J. December 23.

TRADE BRIEFS.

The aggregate value of declared experie om Malaga, Spain, to the United States luring the first nine months of 1918 sached a total of \$867.070, against \$4.-021.709 for the corresponding period of

The national debt of Sweden has t cressed from 1,054,110,000 crowns in 1912 to 1,240,490,000 crowns at the end of 1917

The present demand for condensed mill Slidell? It will do us no harm to remember that there are others also whose yen (\$3.495,000) a year in value. Before
that has not always been thenevolently the war the larger portion of it was surplied by the United States and Switze

The American Consul at Sarnia, Onta rio, reports that according to stateme from Ottawa, Canada, it is proposed remove the prohibition against the According to a report of the Revisto de

ing twine and bagging from one of the According to the Canadian Grocer pint put on the market. The proposal of the manufacturers to discontinue the plats and District of Columbia.

An American consular officer in Sou to File No. 106819.

Lade Fabriker is the name of a new corporation capitalized at \$150,000 being formed in Troubliom, Norway, for the manufacture of olls and soaps.

Se Many Are Only Rolled Plate. From the New York Herald. Lost or Stolen-A seven carat gent

HARBOR'S NOISES ENDANGER TROOPS ON HYLAN DECISION

Transport Mongolia Barely Passengers Are Asked if Ther Escapes Running Into Governors Island.

ries Zeal to Danger Point, Navy Men Say.

The United States transport Mongolia, arriving last Sunday morning, lyp yesterday received from employees just missed driving upon Governors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Com Island because the police yacht Patrol pany neat white cards, reading kept sirening so loudly and insistently that the navigators could not hear the

the navy commander at Hoboken, work of a surgeon or physician "fa- Vice-Admiral Albert Gleaves; the force to put a stop to the unnecessary hulla-By what process of reasoning this baloo of sirening and whistling with been greeted.

At the request of Vice-Admiral mous Unitarian, who confessed that of the incoming ships are gravely conaused almost every day by the Patrol and other small boats that go down statement The risk and peril consist in this: that New York Consolidated Bailwa . the police yacht and accompanying subsidiary of the B. R. T. to get boats make so much noise that navigating officers cannot hear when it is necessary to hear and the fireboats as a committing Magistrate brow up such a screen and mist of certain employees and officials water in front of the ships that often | company for criminal negligence they cannot see when it is extremely wreck which occurred November necessary to vision swiftly and surely. This is particularly true in a fog, as was the case on Sunday morning when an application for a change of the Mongolia so nearly beached her-

Whistling Confused Navigator.

As the big transport approached the south end of Governors Island in the be signed by the people of H og the Patrol, carrying Mayor Hylan's The people of the Borough of mmittee, came out of the murk and lyn should take warning the Holmes, something of a surgeon and approached very near to the trans- an attempt on the part of the port. Her siren was going at a rate officials and their attorneys atterly deafening to the officers of the a change of venue, that is a Mongolia. They were listening by the the place of trial second for every toll of the bell buoys county. This method of transfer that marked the correct channel, but criminal cases to another convinced surgeon just introduced agrees the Patrol's whistle, joined with the the State was successfully resort with Oliver Lodge that emashing an whistling from other boats, made it in New York city when the organ is not equivalent to killing the impossible to hear the bells. Just then ments against the milk trust a tug and tow, outgoing, sheered to- sentatives were transferred to ano ward the Mongolia, and the ldg transsurgeon with years of observation at port veered from the channel. In the fog she got too far, and before her more qualified to determine what hes navigating officer knew where he was that the people in whose hands to the transport was almost on top of Governors Island. Only the quickest ions whatever their conclusions. In action and the coolest decision saved

trouble. But this, according to Admiral of death it is best to leave the ecleu- Gleaves and Capt. Morgan, is nothing to what might easily occur if the edge of men alone, for they have little Patrol and small boat fleet insist on crowding around transports. They fear that one of these days there will be a collision and possibly the sinking of a transport with great loss of life.

"It is all very well," said an officer saying that it was the obvious de of Admiral Gleaves's staff with the of the companies to use Admiral's approval, "for the returning lable comment on the count soldiers to get the whistled welcome, vince the court that a fair trial but it is mighty bad for navigation. Now let everybody get this matter straight. We want the returning sol- fully worded," said Assistant Dediers to feel as happy as they can Attorney Herbert N. Warbassa. the use of the Stars and Stripes for possibly feel on their homecoming, is designed to get just what the x Nothing is too good for them. But The question does not permit our main duty is to provide for their to express an opinion such as a safety. We don't want a few hundred man might be called upon of them drowned in New York's front he were called into the yard. We don't want crape on 500 doorways in America just because other serious situation arising as a B says it should be at the right of the small boats must whistle troops into suit of the move. He declared port. It ought to be stopped and if any positive opinion given co

> will be stopped." Danger of collision in fog is very real, he was disqualified to render a according to Admiral Gleaves, when | partial verdict, Even if on navigators can neither see nor hear, percentage of cards are filled ou and in that sense the Patrol and other boats and all the whistling hullabaloo hinder efforts to draw a time have simply been a nuisance and a danger to the officers responsible for getting the soldiers to land safe and Jury on Friday for manslaughte sound. Capt. Godfrey Garden, Port Captain in president, and John J. Denigeral charge of anchorages and the enforce- president and general manasment of navigation laws, has taken up the matter with Washington with the entire backing of Vice-Admiral

DISTRICTS NAMED

Ready to Receive Units Returning From Abroad.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. - Establishnent of the following eight major de- passed by Congress does not obilization districts to which men re- run until the engrossed coturning from abroad will be sent as lation actually is placed in units for discharge has been completed All measures sent to by the War Department:

York. 2. Delaware. Pennsylvania. Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina this way it was planned to

3. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, to act upon legislation and Michigan and Kentucky. 4. South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, what he had done. Under Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi.

braska and Missour! 6. Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana So far the executive office 7. North Dakots, South Dakots, measures forwarded to Paris 11

Montana, Wyoming. Idaho, Washing- signed. ton and Oregon. 8. California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona,

Colorado and New Mexico. STORAGE EGGS WIN BY SHADE.

Chicago Experts Unable to Detect Difference From "Fresh Laid."

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-Dr. John Dill constitutional to-day the se Robertson, Health Commissioner of ulating the payment of war-Chicago, with twenty-four inquiring men but limiting its apply guests, conducted an egg experiment | foreign vessels only while

Strictly fresh eggs and eggs placed in cold storage last spring were served. Proceive upon demand at ca They did not know which was which ter the voyage has been at and the verdict was that one tasted as half of the wages carned good as another, but that the storage time, the master's refusal 1eggs were'a shade darker.

B. R. T. REFERENDUM

Approve Holding Officials for Tunnel Wreck.

Mayor Hylan's Committee Car- Little White Cards Arone Varied Sentiments When Given to Brooklynites.

Thousands of passengers in Brook.

"Mayor Hylan as a committing Maristrate has held certain employees and officials of the undersigned company This near disaster alone has prompted in proceedings to fix criminal respe sibility upon them for the wreek with occurred November 1 in the Mall street tunnel.

"Do you approve his action? A blank is provided for the reply at white space is provided for "Pers to which the card says: the freest expression of v Please fill out and hand to an solidated Railroad Company" Brooklyn Rapid Transit Compact

Criticised by Mayor Hylan As soon as the distribution of pards had been called to his after Mayor Hylan issued the follow

"The attempt on the part of expression of opinion from the of Brooklyn on the action of the Malbone street tunnel is the that any corporation has ever me

with the due process of law "The cards which the B issuing for this purpose county for trial on the application

John B. Stanchfield, their attern-"I cannot emphasize too stro cards fall should not, under any cumstances, give an expression their opinion

Many ordinarily calm Brookly

passenger on a Fulton street car up and addressed the others He warned them pe misled into expressing any one Joseph T. Griffin, representing association composed of relatives friends of those killed and injure the wreck, issued a warning statement

not be had in Kings "The question in the circular

Warbasse saw the possibility of there is any way to accomplish it it by a citizen who was afterward as a talesman might be used

Six officials and employed companies were indicted by the i Because of this conviction list includes Timothy L. W hat It is understood that not me ten per cent, of the cards V

GREGORY ADVISES WILSON.

President May Consider Bills Ten Days After They Beach Him. Washington, Dec. 23 -- Attrib icneral Gregory has given live

Wilson an opinion that the pr ten days which the constitution for him to sign or veto bills of real 1. New England States and New Europe have been taken to State Department messenger West ling by the fastest steat President two or White House by cabe or ney-General's opinion he he 5. Minnesota, Kansas, lowa, Net time for consideration in "

if he were at the White hi been advised that and

SEAMEN'S ACT IS UPHELD La Follette Measure Limited nati

in Case of Foreign Vestelli. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. 1 terpretation of the La 1. men's act the Supreme Co

American waters Under the act seamen as

serving to release them for a service